

- (b) All the four schemes have been taken up for execution.
- (c) Does not arise.

Hostel for Backward Class in Gokak Taluk

203. SRI L.S. NAIK (Gokak).—Will the Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes be pleased to state:—

- (a) the number of backward classes hostels in Gokak taluk;
- (b) out of them, the number of boys belonging to harijan, naik and backward communities?

SRI L.G. HAVANUR (Minister for Law, Social Welfare and Backward Classes).—

- (a) Two.
- (b) During the year 1978-79, 24 Harijans, 9 Naiks and 67 backward class students were there in the two hostels mentioned above.

Part Payment of Scholarships to Harijan and Girijan Students.

231 SRI A. RAMACHANDRA (Sullia).—Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Harijan and Girijan students of schools and colleges are getting only quarter of the scholarship amount that is being given to such students

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in addition to the fact stated above the Education Department is collecting all types of fees from such students through the respective schools and colleges;

(c) whether any action has been taken by the Government to set right the same, if so, when?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education).—

- (a) No.
- (b) No.
- (c) This question does not arise.

Arrest & Release of Shri K. R. Rajagopal M. L. A.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from Circle Inspector of Police, Nagamangala Circle stating that Sri K. R.

Rajagopal, MLA has surrendered before the J. M. F. C. Court, Srirangapatna for the alleged commission of offences under section 302-34 of I. P. C. read with 201-120B I. P. C. and 202-204-218 of I. P. C. and that he was released on bail on 16th January 1979.

Leave of absence to Smt Sumati B. Madiman and Sri D. Narayan Das

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Smt. Sumathi B. Madiman, Deputy Speaker, Legislative Assembly requesting for leave of absence from the current session of the Assembly due to ill health.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker till the end of the current sittings of the Assembly ?

HON MEMBERS.—Yes

Permission to remain absent was granted.

MR SPEAKER.—I have received a letter from Sri D. Narayan Das, MLA who has requested for grant of leave of absence for the current session of the Assembly due to private affairs.

Is it the pleasure of the House to grant leave of absence to the hon. Member Sri D. Narayan Das till the end of the current sittings of Legislative Assembly ?

HON. MEMBERS.—Yes.

Permission to remain absent was granted

Matter under rule 312

re : Termination of 91 doctors belonging to SC/ST

†SRI C.M. ARMUGHAM (KGF).—Sir, the Medical Department which is supposed to be the biggest department next to Education and the Agriculture Departments, has got 3500 doctors out of which there are only 320 doctors belonging to the SCs appointed over the last 30 years. In the several departments when we asked the question why they are not able to follow the reservation rules, the reply was that suitable candidate were not forthcoming, hence they are unable to maintain the reservation. This is the fate not only in Karnataka but all over the county.

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs)—Hon. member referred to the Agriculture Department. I may inform him that in Agriculture Department the SCs/STs people are not denied of the promotional opportunities nor the appointment opportunities. I am going through the same thing.